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CONNECTION WITH SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 687

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Iraq presents its compliments to the President of the Conference on Disarmament and has the honour to include hereunder a summary of the measures taken by the Iraqi side during April 1993 in relation to the destruction of nuclear and chemical weapons in accordance with the requirements of Security Council resolution 687. The Iraqi Mission requests the Conference to distribute this summary to member and observer States in the Conference.

1. Chemical destruction team (UNSCOM 38)

This team, present in the country since 18 June 1992, has continued its work in Al-Muthanna Establishment; it supervises the operations of in-situ destruction of chemical weapons and ammunitions carried out by the Iraqi side.

2. Chemical inspection team (UNSCOM 55)

This team, comprising 14 specialist chemical inspectors and headed by Mr. Igor Metrochim of Russia, arrived in the country on 9 April 1993. The team visited nine sites: a pesticide site, a chlorine site, Al-Muthanna, the ammunition depots of the Horreya Base, Al-Toze Airport, the Public Phosphate Establishment at U'kashat, the ammunition depots of the Al-Hatteen Establishment, the Chemical Battalion in Balad, and a military unit in Al-Rashideya Camp. The team left the country on 15 April 1993.

3. The IAEA Team of Experts on the Transport of Nuclear Fuel

This team, comprising 17 experts headed by Prof. Maurizio Zifferero, arrived in the country on 19 April 1993 and visited the following sites:

Al-Tuwaitha Site

The visit included the 14th of July Reactor Site so as to see the fuel position in the reactor and to determine from it the scope for activity relating to the transport of fuel.

Garf Al-Naddaf

One pool for spent nuclear fuel was inspected, radioactivity measurements were taken, and a technical discussion was held on the mechanism for carrying out the work.

The team leader, Prof. Maurizio Zifferero, stated that his visit to the country was a technical one aimed at discussing the possibility of facilitating the transport of Iraqi fuel abroad, and that his visit had been positive since the Iraqi side had extended a great deal of cooperation in facilitating the work and in signing a memorandum of understanding on the two sides' obligations.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Iraq avails itself of this opportunity to express its deep appreciation to the President of the Conference on Disarmament.

Geneva, May 1993
